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This report contains the results from the *July 2007 Ag Yield Survey and July 2007 Peach Inquiry*, which were conducted to obtain information on acreage, yield and production estimates for winter wheat and peach production, respectively. The data are also posted on our Web site at the Internet address above, and in a more detailed U.S. report at www.nass.usda.gov. Thanks to all who responded to the questionnaire, and interviews for the surveys.

Winter Wheat Production Forecast Up 6 Percent from June 1, 2007, Forecast

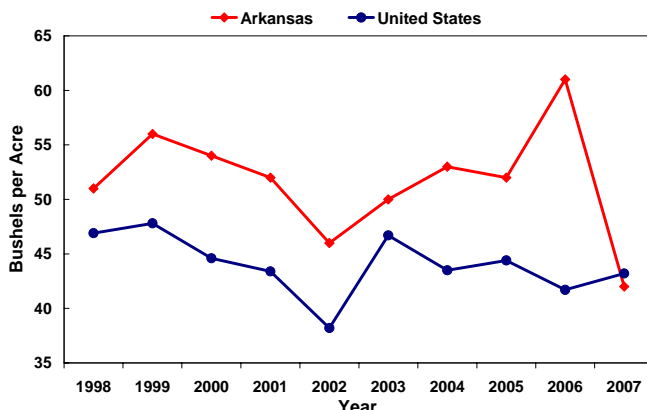
Arkansas Highlights: Winter wheat production in 2007 for Arkansas is forecast at 26.8 million bushels, up 6 percent from the June 1, forecast, and up 46 percent from a year ago. The increase in production from last month and last year is due to the expected increase of 70,000 harvested acres and 295,000 harvested acres, respectively. Based on July 1 conditions, yield is expected to average 40 bushels per acre, 21 bushels per acre less than last year's record high yield, and 2 bushels per acre less than the June 1, 2007, forecast. It is believed that the drop in yield from last year and the previous month is the result of below-freezing temperatures the crop was exposed to in early April. If realized, this would be the lowest winter wheat yield since 1993, when the state average was also 40 bushels per acre. Area for harvest, at 670,000 acres, is up 123 percent from 2006. As of the July 9, 2007, release of the *Arkansas Crop Progress and Condition*, 99 percent of the winter wheat crop had been harvested.

U.S. Highlights: Winter wheat production is forecast at 1.56 billion bushels. This is down 3 percent from last month, but up 20 percent from 2006. The U.S. yield is forecast at 41.6 bushels per acre, down 1.6 bushels from last month's forecast. Grain area totals 37.6 million acres, up 21 percent from 2006. The table below shows that 4.17 million of the increase in harvested acreage came from Arkansas and surrounding states.

Winter Wheat, Area Harvested, Yield, and Production, Arkansas, Select States, and U.S., 2006 and Forecasted July 1, 2007

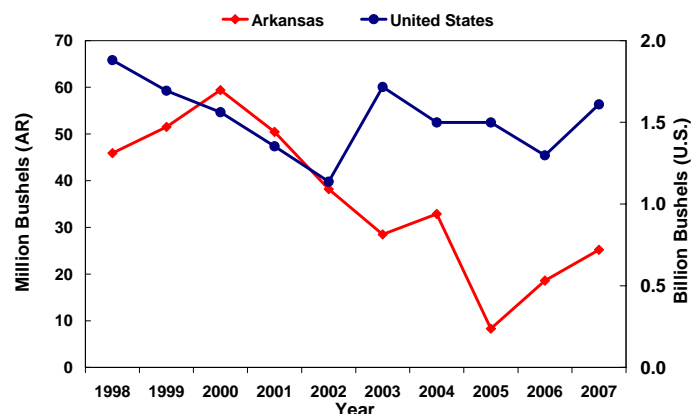
State	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	2006	2007	2006	2007		2006	2007
				June 1	July 1		
		1,000 Acres		Bushels per Acre			1,000 Bushels
Arkansas	305	670	61.0	42.0	40.0	18,605	26,800
Mississippi	73	330	59.0	59.0	61.0	4,307	20,130
Missouri	910	850	54.0	42.0	42.0	49,140	35,700
Oklahoma	3,400	4,300	24.0	33.0	27.0	81,600	116,100
Tennessee	190	300	64.0	32.0	39.0	12,160	11,700
Texas	1,400	4,000	24.0	35.0	36.0	33,600	144,000
United States	31,117	37,588	41.7	43.2	41.6	1,298,081	1,561,907

Winter Wheat, Yield, 1998-2007¹, Arkansas and U.S.



¹ Forecasted Yield for 2007 as of July 1, 2007.

Winter Wheat, Production, 1998-2007¹, Arkansas and U.S.



¹ Forecasted Production for 2007 as of July 1, 2007.

Late Freeze in Southeast Devastated the 2007 Arkansas Peach Crop

Arkansas Highlights: Peach growers have experienced their worst production year since 1955. Above normal temperatures earlier this year followed by a freeze during the Easter weekend completely devastated peach production in Arkansas. Total freestone peach production for Arkansas is forecasted at 200,000 pounds (100 tons). Most of this production was found in the lower one-third of the state. This forecast is 98 percent below the 2006 total production of 4,200 tons. If realized, this would be the lowest production on record since 1955.

U.S. Highlights: The July 2007 forecast of U.S. peach production is 1.03 million tons, up 2 percent from 2006, but down 13 percent from the 2005 crop. Most of the southern estimating states, with the exceptions of Louisiana and Texas expect large decreases in production due to the spring freeze.

Peaches, Total Production by Type, Arkansas, Select States, and U.S., 2005, 2006, and Forecasted July 1, 2007

State ¹	Total Production			% Change from '06
	2005	2006	2007	
	Tons			
Arkansas	4,950	4,200	100	- 98
Alabama	12,000	9,000	6,000	- 33
California				
Freestone	385,000	353,000	390,000	+ 10
Clingstone	484,000	359,000	450,000	+ 25
Georgia	40,000	41,000	13,000	- 68
Louisiana	650	550	700	+ 27
Missouri	5,800	6,390	15	- 100
Oklahoma	2,000	1,800	2,000	+ 11
Tennessee	2,000	1,900	²	²
Texas	8,750	1,590	11,000	+ 592
United States	1,184,550	1,010,120	1,026,845	+ 2

¹ Other States, besides California, are freestone.

² No significant commercial production expected due to freeze.